

Garrison Commander speaks . . .

Keep holiday roadways safe for all

During December, Fort Riley observes 3D (Drinking, Drug and Driving) Prevention Month, a National program designed to work hand in hand with local communities in the prevention of alcohol and drug related deaths during identified drinking and drugging seasons.

The 3D Prevention Coalition joins with communities across the country to provide awareness education through campaigns and campaign activities to prevent impaired driving. Prevention Coalition is also a resource to help educate communities with up dated information in areas such as: What’s New, New Releases, The Drinking Driving Problems, What You Can Do, Party Ideas, Year Around Activities.

This Coalition provides good research information that can be

Townhall Message:

By Col. Philip Pope
Garrison Commander

applied to any setting military or civilian. Such information can be used to bring awareness education to the soldiers and civilian staff at Fort Riley.

Impaired driving is an American tragedy. In 1999, nearly 16,000 people were killed and more than 300,00 were injured as a result of alcohol-related crashes. Reducing alcohol-related traffic fatalities is one of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s top priorities.

The national goal is to lower the death toll to no more than 11,000 by the year 2005. Each year, nearly 1.5 million impaired

drivers are taken off America’s highways by law enforcement agencies. While the number of alcohol-related fatalities during holiday periods is at an all time low, impaired driving is still a leading cause of death for people during holidays.

This year, holiday travelers, traveling by automobile rather than commercial air could be up as much as 10 percent over previous years. Fort Riley will also have more soldiers, civilian staff and family members on the roads than at any time since the 1st Infantry Division forward deployed to Germany.

I would encourage members of the Fort Riley community to conduct awareness training for as many soldiers and civilian employees as possible during the holiday seasons.

Commentary

By Peter Chadwick
19th Public Affairs Det.

Soldiers are a highly trained force. We learn, mostly by repetition, everything from combat techniques to eating in the dining facility.

We learn from countless trips to the range to keep our weapons up and down range. We learn not to consume food while standing in line for “chow.”

We know to salute officers as we approach them on the street. We know these things because we’ve been trained. We’re trained this way because the Army is doctrinally driven by Army Regulations and Field Manuals and a host of policy letters.

We salute officers because we’ve been trained to and because FM 22-5 says so. But some soldiers, it seems, have forgotten their training.

I had an appointment at Irwin

Army Community Hospital Tuesday. Unremarkable except that it was the first time I’d entered through the front door.

Because of where I parked, it was a straight shot from my pick-up to the front door. As I passed the flagpole, I saluted, reacting to my training and a foggy memory of FM 22-5, which states:

Saluting Colors-National and organizational flags, which are mounted on flagstaffs equipped with finials, are called Colors. Military personnel passing an uncased National Color salute at six steps distance and hold the salute until they have passed six steps beyond it. Similarly, when the uncased Color passes by, they salute when it is six steps away and hold the salute until it has passed six steps beyond them.

I also knew to show my Military Identification when I entered the building. When I did, the sergeant first class inside said I

was the first to salute all day. I looked back through the door and watched as soldiers of a variety of ranks walked passed the pole, with it’s half-mast banner nearly tapping them on the shoulder, without so much as a nod.

I decided to use this inspiration to train my subordinates. I quizzed my troops, both fresh from Advanced Individual Training, to see if they were aware of this observance in customs and courtesy. Only one did — a young man barely out of high school.

I expected him to credit his knowledge to his repetitive training, but he told me he did it because our flag has been through more than he’ll ever go through.

That young man showed his old “Sarge” that training and doctrine are no good without our Army’s most basic commodity — heart.

Letters to the Editor

Editor’s Note: *Some of Fort Riley’s younger citizens recently jotted down their thoughts about Veterans Day and those who have served their country, past and present. Fort Riley Middle School submitted their letters which are printed below.*

The American Veteran

By Tiffany Colson, Grade 6

America is one of the greatest nations ever founded, for she was built around the belief of freedom for everyone. It is these rights that make this country so grand. All American citizens have freedom, and we will stand up and defend what we believe in.

In America, freedom is greatly valued. Americans are allowed to vote for their national leader when they reach and appropriate age. In the United States you can speak your mind.

Even young children are encouraged to be individuals and to believe what they think is true. All religions are freely practiced among the citizens. Hopefully, freedom will always remain an important detail in the American lifestyle.

Americans have always defended our country in order to keep our rights. In the many wars that America has gone through, they have all ended with our heads held high and our hearts filled with pride.

During those wars, our country has learned to stand together to become a stronger nation. America will never forget the men and women who fought and died for this country.

As veterans continue to risk their lives to save our country, it shows that they still believe in the principles on which hour nation was founded.

Freedom has been in America since the beginning, and I am sure

it will be there until the end. For the veterans who served this nation, we thank you. We will always honor the true American here — the United States of America Veteran. Because of these veterans, if you look into the eyes of Americans you can see a combination of pride, joy, freedom, and love. That is the American spirit.

Living in America

By Laura Berg, Grade 6

I am proud to be an American and I am thankful to be living here in the U.S.A. The reason I am thankful to be living in America is because I have freedom and I know I am pretty safe here.

In America, I have the freedom to travel and meet different people from other cultures than myself. I also have freedom to choose my religion and where I worship.

Here in America I am able to speak up for what I believe and freedom to become what I want to become.

I know I am here in America because our soldiers in the military help to make it a safer place. I also know because of our veterans who have fought for our freedom, we are safe. With our government taking precautions and our wonderful military I know we are safe.

We should thank our veterans for protecting our rights. They deserve their day of thanks. I also thank our soldiers in the military for standing tall for our country.

May God Bless America!

Veterans Day
By Morgan Perret, Grade 7

To me, Veterans Day is the day to celebrate all the people living and dead who fought for our country. We need to remember that now, more that ever, we

should show happiness. This country stands for so much and we should recognize that. Before the Sept. 11 tragedy, we took America for granted, but now we are guilty. We know that America will not always be here for us to love. Veterans Day should open our eyes to what might go right instead of being blinded by what might go wrong.

Dear Dad

By Courtney Hallenbeck, Grade 6

I just wanted to let you know that I'm proud of you. It takes a special kind of person to be in the Army. You have to give up a lot and move around a lot. I have lived in many places for someone my age, places like Germany, Kansas, Pennsylvania and back to Kansas again.

You've moved more times than that. It's hard to leave my friends, I have gone to five different schools, and I'm only in 6th grade, but that is the life of the Army kid. It's like we never stop moving. I think it gets harder to leave your friends as you get older.

Through all of this, I am still proud of you. Dad, you give up a lot because you have to leave your family, like now, you are deployed to Egypt. You miss important things that happen. This time, all of our birthdays, yours, mom's and mine. You also will not be there for your anniversary and Thanksgiving.

Even though I miss you and wish you didn't have to go, I am still proud of you and know that you miss being with us. You will retire from the Army in three years and I hope that I will have many great things to remember.

Through all the tough times, deployments, and life's ups and downs, I am and will always be proud of you! I love and miss you a lot. Stay safe.

<div>KANSAS PRESS 2 x 2" Black Only healthbenefits</div>	<div>COLORADO PRESS SERVICE, INC 4 x 12" Black Only Cellular One</div>
<div>BRIGGS-WEST LOT 2 x 9.5" Black Only Isuzu</div>	



Army trains Physician Assistants

By *Emilie Howe*
IACH PAO

The U.S. Army is looking for qualified enlisted soldiers to attend the Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program at the AMEDD Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This is an intensive two-year course of study. Graduates of the course receive a commission as a second lieutenant, and a baccalaureate degree from the University of Nebraska.

Army Physician Assistants are important members of the Army Medical Department healthcare team and provide a broad range of medical services traditionally performed by physicians.

They are the primary medical provider to soldiers in battalion and division level units and may also provide garrison healthcare to soldiers, family members, and other eligible beneficiaries.

The Army PA has served the nation in all conflicts and peace-keeping missions since the Vietnam War.

The Army trains approximately 60 enlisted soldiers a year along-

side candidates from the Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard, and U.S. Public Health Service. Candidates attend the AMEDD Center and School for the classroom portion of the program. Courses range from anatomy and physiology to orthopedics.

During a year of clinical training at selected Army hospitals, the candidates participate in clinical rotations in such areas as surgery, pediatrics, and dermatology.

Applicants must be enlisted soldiers with a minimum of three years but less than 12 years time in service.

Other eligibility criteria include, but are not limited to: A GT score of 110 or greater, 60 semester hours of post secondary school education of which 30 hours must include six hours of English, six hours of humanities, six hours of chemistry, six hours of anatomy and physiology, three hours of algebra, and three hours of psychology.

Currently, there is a pilot program that is accepting commissioned and warrant officers applicants to compete for seats in the

program.

Applications for this program are accepted until April 30 of each year and are reviewed by a board in July of each year. Complete application procedures are found in AR 601-20, The Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program, and in yearly message updates found at the web site www.goarmy.com/job/amedd/paqual3.htm.

Local Army education centers can also assist applicants with procedures. Questions can be directed to Maj. Bruce G. McLennan at DSN 536-0386 or commercial 502-626-0386. McLennan will be coming to Fort Riley, Dec. 11.

The first Interservice Physician Assistant Program recruiting brief will be held at Irwin Army Community Hospital, in the Education and Professional Development classroom, fourth floor, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and the next recruiting brief will be at Normandy Chapel, Bldg. 7865, from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

For more information contact, Capt. David R. Reinsch, physician assistant, at 239-7678.

FT. RILEY NATIONAL BANK
3 x 5.5"
Black Only
Ft. Riley National Bank

CCTT continued from page 1

Faulk said this assistance scenario might not always be the best use of resources on the battlefield.

“We formed a maneuver battalion comprised primarily of engineers with some augmentation of some of the other maneuver battalions,” said Faulk. “This created a third maneuver battalion.

“What this did was get us thinking about the same things the maneuver guys think about,” said Faulk. “Things like how do you move and how do you fire.”

This particular training was for the brigade leadership. The troops were computer generations.

“We conducted this exercise down to the Company Executive Officer level with all units within the 1st BCT,” said Maj. Kurt Pinkerton, brigade S-3 or training officer. “What this allowed was us to have all the key leaders execute a BCT deliberate attack and work our Standard Operating Procedures on how we will execute a deliberate breach.

“All elements were able to see it in a virtual environment.”

Pinkerton said there were some limitations. Some personnel operated in vehicles they wouldn’t normally be in but the focus was on the breach, or punching through the enemy’s obstacles, not the vehicle.

Pinkerton said they trained with the leadership on the computer-generated battlefield for a few reasons.

“With all the taskings and post support we’ve been doing, our training has been minimal. This event allowed us to take the leadership, generally not involved in taskings and work SOPs before we did it with our soldiers,” said Pinkerton. “This in turn will hopefully allow us to not waste soldiers’ time since we were able to work through some of the problems associated with BCT Breaches.”

Pinkerton said previously they had approached at task force level, much smaller than the full brigade.

“From lessons learned we realize that a breach is a BCT mis-

sion,” said Pinkerton. “So this year we are focusing on BCT breaches.

“Not having executed one before, this virtual simulation allowed us to practice at minimal costs, minimal time and without putting our soldiers into harms way without ever practicing this mission.”

Pinkerton said the bottom line is that training and resources are too valuable to waste. As we get busier, and money gets tighter, you are forced to think of ways to ensure your leaders are trained and ensure you don’t waste soldiers’ time or jeopardize their safety.

“For all practical purposes, we had the entire brigade combat team out at the National Training Center, conducting the mission, without them ever leaving the ground,” said Beamer.

The Devil Brigades use of a little imagination and technology, along with a willingness to prepare to win, increases their chances of victory.

House Ad Please Fill

House Ad Please Fill

DAILY UNION
2 x 4"
Black Only
Personalized Christmas cards

ARTECH
2 x 3"
Black Only
awards

CASS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
4 x 10"
Black Only
Dillards/Military Appreciation

FORT RILEY POST

This newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the Army. The contents of the Fort Riley Post are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army or Fort Riley. The Fort Riley Post is an unofficial publication authorized by AR 360-1. Editorial content is prepared, edited and provided by the Public Affairs Office and Fort Riley. The Fort Riley Post is published by Montgomery Communications, a private firm in no way connected with the Army, under exclusive written contract with Fort Riley.

Publisher-Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Metz
Public Affairs Officer-Maj. Todd S. Livick
Command Information Officer-Gary Skidmore
Printer-John G. Montgomery
Fort Riley Editorial Staff:
Editor-James B. Pritchett
Sports Editor-Spec. Kevin Doheny,
Advertising Representatives-
Jim Hall, Tina Novak

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Army or Montgomery Communications of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the printer shall refuse to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected.

For business or advertising matters, call The Daily Union in Junction City at (785) 762-5000. For news offerings, call the Fort Riley Public Affairs Office at (785) 239-8851 or DSN 856-8851, or write to the Public Affairs Office Bldg. 405, Fort Riley, KS 66442-5016.

Circulation 7,935 copies each week
By mail \$20 per year
A licensed newspaper member of the Junction City
and Manhattan chambers of commerce



Shope News

The Shoppe has many holiday items for your home or gift giving. Lots of smalls for those holiday host and hostess gifts and your Christmas ornament exchange parties. Stop by and visit The Shoppe Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Shoppe is located at Bldg. 259 Stuart Ave. Phone 785-239-2783. The Shoppe will be open the first three Mondays in December and then close for the holiday break from Dec. 22 until Jan. 8.

Thrift Shop

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop will be having a Bag Sale from through Dec. 13. Come in and fill your bag from our special selection of merchandise. Brown paper grocery bags will sell for \$2 and plastic grocery bags for \$1 each. The Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 267 on Stuart Avenue near the stables. Store hours are 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. The next open Saturday is tomorrow. For information, call 784-3874. The Thrift Shop now has an e-mail address, thrift@oz-online.net, for customer questions or concerns.

Christmas Shoppe

Custer Hill Elementary School will be having a Lil' Shopper's Christmas Shoppe today from 3:30-6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in the school gymnasium. The shoppe will feature inexpensive, high quality gifts for family and friends. Prices range from 25 cents to \$10, with most items priced under \$3. The public is invited to come shop with us.

Reward Offered

A \$5,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for a structural fire on Fort Riley and the subsequent death of a Fort Riley military family member.

The incident occurred Feb. 4. Person(s) unknown by unknown means lit a fire in the garage of 6762-1 Burnside Loop, Fort Riley. After the debris cleared, the body of Scott Nichols was discovered in the remains of the garage. Nichols was apparently inside the garage at the time the fire started.

Anyone with information concerning this incident should contact Special Agent Bobbi J. Miles-Belding of the Fort Riley Criminal Investigation Division at (785) 239-3931/8441, or Special Agent Michael Harrigan of the FBI at (785) 235-3811. Your identity can remain confidential.

Christian Praise Band

Christian musicians are needed for a contemporary Christian praise band at Normandy Chapel's Contemporary Protestant service. Musicians needed are a drummer, bass player, and electric guitar player and A back-up piano player. A drum set and bass guitar are available to play, but no electric guitar. The band rehearses Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Service is at 11 a.m. Sunday morning. If interested, contact Chap. (Maj.) Jim Paulson at 239-3436.

Post-wide Graduation

The Fort Riley Combined Graduation Ceremony will be conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, at King Field House. The ceremony will honor graduates from five on-post colleges and universities and from two additional off post Servicemembers Opportunity

Colleges colleges. The graduates have earned associates, bachelors and masters degrees in a wide range of major fields.

Representatives of the colleges and universities will be on hand to present degrees. Central Michigan University will award six Masters degrees. Kansas State University will award 37 bachelor degrees and three associate degrees. Upper Iowa University will award 39 bachelor degrees. Central Texas College will award 24 associate degrees and Barton County Community College will award 100 associate degrees. Graduates represent all segments of the Fort Riley community including soldiers, family members, Department of Army Civilians, retirees and veterans.

Sports U.S.A. Music

Sports U.S.A., 2600 Trooper Drive, Camp Forsyth, is adding two new special DJ music programs to its entertainment line-up. "Late Night" featuring Urban and Hip-Hop with DJ Monroe is scheduled Saturdays, Dec. 1, 15 and 29 starting at 10 p.m. "Late Night" dates for the following two months are Jan. 12 and 26 and Feb. 9 and 23.

Sports U.S.A. is also adding "Latin Music Nights" the next three months. Dates are Dec. 8 and 22; Jan. 5 and 19 and Feb. 2 and 16. The "Latin Music Night" program begins at 8 p.m.

Golf Course Sale

The Custer Hill Golf Course Pro Shop Holiday Sale is underway and runs through Dec. 15. The Pro Shop will offer 20 percent discounts on its quality line of golf clubs, clothing, hats and shoes during the sale period. As a special offer, customers who spend \$750 or more in Pro Shop purchases during the sales period will receive a free \$150 annual membership to the Custer Hill Golf Course.

Holiday Reservations

Riley's Conference Center is taking reservations for the upcoming holiday season.

Units, groups and organizations are encouraged to plan ahead and make reservations now for catered parties, functions and events.

Riley's catering hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and appointments can be made for Saturday. Information on catering, banquet and party options is available by calling 784-5999.

Cancer Support Group

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group is meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m., at Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Surgery Clinic.

Servicemembers, their family members and Department of Army Civilians are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged for persons who were recently diagnosed with cancer, family and friends of persons with cancer, and cancer survivors. For information call 239-7163.

Flu Vaccinations

Irwin Army Community Hospital will administer influenza vaccinations to military family members, age 65 and older retired military service members and their eligible dependents Dec. 3-7 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.

Beneficiaries are required to bring their outpatient records with them.

The hospital's health care staff will be giving the flu shots in the

area of the Pharmacy Refill Window and Outpatient Records.

The flu shot is strongly encouraged for the following patients: beneficiaries who are age 65 and older; beneficiaries with lung, heart; or other chronic health conditions; expectant mothers in their second and third trimester of pregnancy; long-term care residents; children who are on long-term aspirin therapy, and beneficiaries who live or work with any of the above individuals.

For more information, call 239-7582.

OCS Board

The Officer Candidate School board will be held on Dec. 11-12 at 9 a.m. at 1st PSB, Bldg. 7806 in the PERSTEMPO office.

Tumbling Classes

Tumbling gymnastics classes will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-9:50 a.m. beginning Tuesday. Children 3-5 years old are eligible for the class. Sign up for either day or both. The cost of the class is \$20 a month. Classes will take place at the Teen Center gym in Bldg. 5800 at the corner of Thomas and Longstreet. For information and registration, call 239- 4847 or stop by Central Enrollment Registry Office in Bldg. 6620 Normandy Dr.

Quilting Project

Learn how to machine piece and machine quilt. You can make a Christmas table topper or tree skirt. Stop by the Arts and Crafts Center and see the pattern and ask for more information or call 239-9205.

Officials Clinic

There will be a basketball officials' clinic at King Field House Sunday from 1:30-4:30 p.m. The purpose of the clinic is to give officials practice in the floor mechanics of officiating. It is free and open to anyone interested in becoming an official for the Fort Riley Sports Program.

Recruiters Visit

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief on the challenges, benefits and opportunities to become recruiters. Attendance by all NCOs' is highly encouraged. This briefing in no way obligates you for recruiting duty, a personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications. Briefings will be held at the Normandy Theater, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day. For information ,call 239-5953.

Retirement Ceremony

The Post Retirement Ceremony was held Nov. 28 at 4 p.m. at Riley's Conference Center. A reception followed the ceremony.

The following soldiers were recognized:. CW4 Douglas E. Hill, Criminal Investigation Division; CSM James M. Kirkland, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 924th Military Police Battalion; 1st Sgt. Rodrigo V. Cruz, HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Infantry; 1st Sgt. Raymond H. Deien, Jr., HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.; 1st Sgt. Johnny M. Ryan, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Bn., 1st Field Artillery; SFC Wendell Conyers, HHC, 24th Inf. Division (Mech.); SFC Frederick

H. Analla, Company B, 125th Forward Support Battalion; SSgt. Charles U. Costales, HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf. and SSgt. Terry R. Bell, Co. B, 70th Engineer Bn. Robert Dickens of the Reserve Pay Organization will also retire.

Self Help

Every unit is required to have an NCO and three school trained members on their Self-Help Team. The Public Works Self-Help School can help units establish a good Self-Help Program. The course is scheduled every month and the next is scheduled to start Monday. Classes are also scheduled for Dec. 10-14 and Jan. 7-11. For information, visit the PW web site or call 239-3757.

Museum Hours

The U. S. Cavalry Museum's hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Until further notice, the museum will be closed on Sunday's. The Fort Riley Regimental Museum (Bldg. 207) remains closed due to exhibit rennovation.

Groups interested in arranging tours of Custer House may do so by contacting the Public Affairs Office or by calling the U. S. Cavalry Museum at 239-2737/2743.

Official Mail Class

The Postal Operations Center will conduct the next Official Mail Class on Wednesday at the Digital Training Center, Bldg. 7285. Hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Contact Michael Moore at 239-5411. Pre-enrollment required.

OCSC Event

The Officer and Civilian Spouse Club December event will be held Dec. 13. The luncheon will be at Riley's Event Center beginning at 11 am. The program will be traditions and customs of Christmas in Hawaii. Please call to make your reservations, menu choice, and child care needs before Dec. 6. The charity of the month is Operation Santa Claus. Please bring unwrapped new toys. There will also be a basket for cash donations.

Unit Mail Course

The Postal Operations Center will conduct the next Unit Mail Service Training Course Dec. 7 and 12 at the Digital Training Center, Bldg. 7285. Class hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m.. Pre-enrollment is required. Attending all individuals assigned as Unit Postal Officers or Unit Mail Clerks. You need to possess 20 days on the Job Training and at least an Interim Secret Clearance if you are going to be a Mail Handler and responsible for handling Accountable Mail.

Contact Michael Moore at 239-5411 to sign- up.

Protestant Women Meet

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. and Thursdays 7-9 p.m. at Morris Hill Chapel. Watchcare is provided. For information, call 239-3359 or 784-4926.

Worship Service

A Protestant Liturgical Worship Service has resumed at St. Mary's Chapel every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 239-5313/5711.

AFTB Classes

Are you new to the military family? Want to understand "Army Lingo?" Join us for Military Life 101 offered by the Army Family Team Building Program, Wednesday, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Soldier and Family Support Center.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the same location to learn the 'Do's and Don'ts' for responding to the media.

Call 239-1366 to register for

KANSAS PRESS
2 x 2"
Black Only
leatherspub

GEICO- ARMED FORCES COMM
3 x 10"
Black Only
Called up

Weekend Shuttle Bus Service

Sports USA, 2600 Trooper Drive, Camp Forsyth, is offering free, weekend shuttle bus service to and from the Custer Hill area, according to Jim Rose, Sports USA General Manager.

The shuttle will run hourly on Fridays and Saturdays, 6 p.m. to Midnight and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Shuttle stops and departure times include:

Fridays-Saturdays	6 p.m.-Midnight
Sundays	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Hourly Departure times	
Sports USA	:00 on the hour
New barracks complex	:10 past the hour

Bldgs. 7003-7081	
Custer Hill Lanes	:15 past the hour
Normandy Theater	:25 past the hour
Long Fitness Center	:30 past the hour
Return Sports USA	:40 past the hour

MARIES COSTUMES
1 x 2"
Black Only
Maries Costume and Formal

MANHATTAN CARPET & INTERIORS
1 x 2"
Black Only
Manhattan Carpet



Soldiers enjoy Thansksgiving feast at dining facilities

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

No turkey was safe, as soldiers on Fort Riley had a lot to be thankful for over the Thanksgiving holidays. One thing was the dining facilities on post offered them Thanksgiving feasts.

All five dining facilities cooked up all the Thanksgiving treats most get for the late November holiday.

Turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie and all the other goodies, which go along with Thanksgiving feasts were set up for the hungry soldiers to dig in and fill their stomachs.

“This meal is better than any meal the chow halls serve,” said Sgt. Ryan Ragan, 266th Transportation Detachment. “They had everything I would eat if I was home for Thanksgiving. It’s good to see soldiers can be taken care of if they aren’t able to go home for holidays.”

Along with the all the food a person could ever ask for, the four dining facilities competed in a contest to see which had the best decorations in their facility.

“The meals were prepared very well and the decorations were not overdone, they all had just the right amount,” said MSgt. Vera Hannah, Installation Foods Services NCOIC.

The winner of the contest was the 1st Brigade Combat Team’s dinning facility, Bldg. 7011. They made a display with desert items, fruit and other small displays, which included a tribute to the firefighters of Sept. 11.

To some of the soldiers on Fort Riley, the food did more than just conquer their appetites. The senses of being a part of something like this made them feel, like they were at home even though they weren’t.

“Even though I wasn’t able to go home for Thanksgiving, it still felt like I was home in a way,”

said Ragan.

During the lunchtime activities, the soldiers of their respective units were served their food by some of their subordinates. sergeants major, command sergeants major, lieutenants, cap-

tains and more piled up the food on their soldiers plates as they scampered through the line trying to pile up as much food as they could. This activity took place at all four of the dining facilities, which served on Wednesday.



Post/Doheny

Steam fills the air as Lt. Col Jay Rouse and CSM Nathaniel-Hopkins serve a Thanksgiving feast to soldiers. Officers and senior NCOs volunteered to serve at the post’s dining facilities.

Operation Helping Hand underway

For some families, being able to enjoy a nice family dinner during the holidays can be a difficult experience. Operation Helping Hand helps those families enjoy the holidays by providing them with financial assistance to buy food during the holidays.

Throughout the holiday season, donations are made to units, as well as on post chapels.

Battalions and separate companies First Sergeants and Sergeants Major accept donations. Chapel contributions will be accepted during designated offerings the week of December 2. For more information contact Chap. (Maj.) James Paulson at 239-3436.

BRIGGS-WEST LOT
6 x 16"
Black Only
Briggs West

ICE Survey

continued from page 1

the workplace or from home.

Along with standard information such as the service phone number, location and hours of operation, they'll view a form that starts with six standardized questions and continues with questions the local manager has included. Fort Riley customers can now comment on service in 75 areas.

Once the customer fills out the survey, with a click of the mouse, they can send it immediately to the manager of the service and to the Department of Defense server in Washington D.C.

If a customer's survey reponses are a bit negative, the system requires that the manager of the activity respond to the customer within three days of receiving the survey.

If the customer has not received a response in that time, the customer will receive and e-mail with the manager's phone numer so that they can speak to the manager directly.

"The purpose of ICE is to improve Fort Riley internal customer service," said Betty Banner, a strategic planner with Fort Riley's Directorate of Community Activities. "Key benefits from the system include timely data on service quality; improvement to the speed, quality and quantity of feedback from Fort Riley customers; and quality of life comments sent directly to service managers."

Fort Riley is the 12th installation to implement the system, according to Banner. Officials expect approximately 50 more installations to join the ICE system in the next year.

As the program matures, managers will be able to review data from other bases across the Defense Department, allowing them to network with people who have popular programs.

"That way, if their own customer service is lacking in some way, they can brainstorm with folks whose customers think they're doing it right," said Banner.

Responses to the ICE surveys are already rolling in, according to Banner.

"We put it online about three weeks ago and several agencies have already had comments. We hope more people will gradually use this system so that we can serve them better," she said.

Speed

continued from page 1

Coulson said that the speed trailers would be placed in a variety of places in the housing areas.

"We found that there is a lot of speeding in the housing areas and with children playing there the last thing anyone wants is for a child to get hit by a car," said Coulson.

"Speeding increases the involvement of accidents," said Flint. "Most injury accidents are associated with speeding."

For many of the MPs the electronic radar detector saves them time they could spend answering other calls.

"In today's Army, there aren't as many people and this helps take some of the manpower constraints off of us," said Robinson.

"We understand that people run late but they should plan accordingly," said Coulson.

Please Fill

KANSAS PRESS

2 x 2"

Black Only

sgarden

THE OUTLET

2 x 2"

Black Only

pick up 10 /26/01

FAITH FURNITURE

2 x 7"

Black Only

o interst

An added benefit is that the survey data is automatically compiled, which saves someone the time and effort of collecting the cards, tabulating them and reporting the results.

ICE was the vision of Admiral (Ret.) Charles S. Abbot, former deputy commander in chief, U.S. European Command to help improve Quality of Life for servicemembers, DoD employees and their families.

Abbot asked the Office of the Secretary of Defense Quality Management Office for help in applying Quality Management methods to turn his idea into reality.

ICE was developed through a cooperative effort with the 6th Army Support Group, EUCOM and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Quality Management Office. ICE was piloted at several EUCOM bases and at the Washington Headquarters Service before expanding to a larger test base, including Fort Riley.

Developers hope that one day the system will provide another way to improve morale, increase retention and boost recruitment in the military.

While the signs themselves don't write tickets, those who are caught speeding in the areas with the speed trailers are liable to receive a citation.

FIRST CHOICE MEATS

2 x 3"

Black Only

First Choice Meats

THE MARTIN AGENCY

4 x 10"

Black Only

Alltel 646LF

Transition

continued from page 1

pound M-4, we worked with a 254-pound 25-mm."

Another challenge of the course was its pace.

"The instructors gave us a lot of information about the Bradley's features and capabilities all at once," Tomlin said. "However, they did a good job putting things in play right after we learned it, so we retained the knowledge pretty well."

"The trainers have a solid base knowledge of what is going on," he added. "They impressed me with what they brought to the classroom."

The course is cumulative and culminates at a live-fire exercise, Lovick said.

"The ultimate goal is to see someone who knew nothing about the Bradley step in and fire rounds down range," he said.

Instructors were inside the Bradleys to help ensure accuracy

Mountain

continued from page 1

The school also teaches preventive measures, Lambert said, adding that's critical because Afghanistan gets large amounts of snow, and has a significant amount of varying terrain.

"We train soldiers to be able to take care of themselves and prevent cold-weather injuries, while maintaining the ability to contribute to the mission," Begines said. "Historically many casualties are not from enemy fire, but from the cold weather."

The two-week course is held in the summer and winter. Each sea-

son has a different curriculum.

Some training held in the summer course is: cliff evacuation; mountain river crossing and balance climbing. Winter training goes over effects of cold weather on weapons, avalanche hazards and rescue, glacial movement operations and bivouac considerations.

Besides the two weeks training troops get when they visit Vermont, installations can request

acquire them, they have to shoot them with the correct ammunition in the allotted amount of time. It factors everything students do, and it gives the teams a grade based on their efficiency. The Bradley commander and gunner have to be on the same page to be successful, he said.

"It's a lot more technical than I thought it would be," Tomlin said.

Nevertheless, the pilot course was mutually beneficial, he said. Students got their feet wet in the Bradley, and instructors worked out some of the course's quirks before the program of instruction starts in April. He is confident the course will meet its objective.

"It's going to have to go well," Tomlin said. "If you spend any amount of time in the Army, you're going to go to a mechanized unit sooner or later. For those units to be successful, this course has to work."

mobile training teams tailored to meet their special needs, Lambert said. Since Operation Enduring Freedom, requests for the mobile teams have increased.

"The bottom line is that these skills have always existed widely in the Army," Begines said. "So there is not a shortfall that needs to be met. It's a matter of maintenance and ensuring that the installation continues to train the trainer on a recurring basis."

DRUCKER IMAGING

2 x 3.5"

Black Only

Fen-Phen/1-2-3-Free

THE MARTIN AGENCY

4 x 10"

Black Only

Alltel 646LF

Army Football		
Sept. 8	Cincinnati	(L)24-21
Sept. 22*	UAB	(L) 3-55
Sept. 29*	BC	(L)10-31
Oct. 6	Houston	(W)28-14
Oct. 13	ECU	(L)49-26
Oct. 20*	TCU	(L)38-20
Oct. 27	Tulane	(W)42-35
Nov. 3*	AF	(L)34-24
Nov. 10	Buffalo	(L)26-19
Nov. 17*	Memphis	(L)42-10
Tomorrow	Navy	
*Away games		

Commentary

Boxers battle for post titles

By Kevin Doheny
Sport Editor

It's the anticipation. The feeling a fighter gets before he enters the arena and steps into the ring.

Others believe it's the competition against one another, and some say it's the art and pageantry of the spar, which hooks a person to fighting.

Boxing, a popular spectator sport around the world, has much to offer both fighters and spectators.

Fort Riley boxers took center stage Wednesday and Thursday at King Field House during the 2001 Fort Riley Novice/Open Boxing Tournament.

Fighters competed in 14 different weight classes and fought under the auspices of the United States Amateur Boxing Rules.

Bouts consisted of three, one-minute rounds for novice boxers and three, two-minute rounds for open class men and women.

Boxers were required to pass a physical before they were able to compete in the tournament, and were also required to weigh-in twice before Wednesday.

Locker rooms were busy before the fights began Wednesday night as boxers did what they had to do to get ready for the competition.

There was a separate room where the fighters' fists were taped and trainers tied on their gloves.

Those in later rounds who waited nervously were able to watch their fellow competitors duel it out in the ring.

With cheers from the crowd, each stepped into the squared-circle and did battle, hoping they would depart with the title after the competition.

"This competition is a great opportunity for Fort Riley patrons to come out and have a good time," said Bill "Big Daddy" Brooks, ring announcer for the fights. "It is good to have an event like this one in your community."

Boxing was ferocious on opening night, and the fighters went after each other looking for victory with one solid punch.

Some had more experience than others, but all the participants had one thing in common; heart.

They fought their way through punch after punch and tried to stay away from that one good hit.

"Many of these soldiers want to come out here and show their physical strength," said Brooks. "We just have to give them the opportunity. This is such a great chance to come out and have a great time."

Along with the action in the ring, the gym was packed with eager fans watching and waiting for the chance to show their support.

Fans in the stands went wild with every punch the fighters threw.

With unit bias running high, they kept their cool, as fighters from Fort Riley units left their sweat and tears out in the squared-circle.

Even though the card for the night didn't include names such as Ali, Tyson, Sugar Ray and Marciano, the fights were attractive enough to keep the fans interested and the other fighters hyped.

After weeks of preparation, the fighters finally had a chance to showcase their talents in front of their peers.

Both men and women squared off in the ring for a chance to be called the best of the best.

The best of the best might or might not have won, but the finest of the world's greatest Army were on showcase Wednesday and Thursday for a talent not many have.

King Field House was rocking for, and with the boxers who competed.

It was their time to shine.

Fort Riley Sports



Post/Doheny

Lady Trooper Sandra Turnbough puts the pressure on the inbound pass. She and her teammates fell shy of victory Tuesday against Manhattan Anthony. The Troopers used a second half rally to narrow the gap in the game, but the Tornados played just well enough to win.

Troopers split with Tornados

By Kevin Doheny
Sports Editor

Basketball.

It is a game of "runs," and the last team to make the last significant run usually ends up winning the game.

It usually happens, but not always.

A run is a succession of points scored by one team, in which the other team scores less in a given amount of time.

Most, but not all basketball games have a multiple of runs where teams get close and pulls away from their opponent.

The Lady Troopers of Fort Riley Middle School, used a late run in the final eight minutes of the game to edge close to the Manhattan Anthony Tornados, but they fell short in their effort for the victory 30-22 at FRMS Tuesday.

"We didn't play very well in the first half, but for some reason we switched it on another level in the second," said Trooper A-Team Head Coach Mike Whaley. "We just never got in the flow until the second half."

The Troopers started off slow in the first half and the Tornados used a tough defense and timely scoring to give them a rather large lead at halftime.

"The first half of the game almost looked like the first game we played this year," said Whaley. "I can't explain it, that sort of thing just happens in games."

The Troopers came out in the second half missing the mark again, but they threw their game in overdrive and made a remarkable run at the Tornados. The run was so effective; it forced the coach from the Tornados to use multiple second half timeouts.

"We forced some turnovers in the second half, which turned into easy lay-ups on our end,"

Tornado point guard Becca Hughey lobs a pass over the double-team of the Lady Trooper defense. The Tornados avoided disaster on the offensive end many time to keep their lead throughout the game.

said Whaley. "The kids even felt good after the game even though they lost the game. During one of the other team's timeouts I commented on how well they were playing and forcing the other team to call timeouts and get a little frustrated."

Whaley also said his team plays mostly a man-to-man defense, where as most the other schools usually play a zone defense.

He said this would benefit his girls when they move on in their basketball careers.

Some of the high scorers from the A-Team game were: Charmaine Locklin with four points, Kandace Hilson four, Ebony Threadgill three, Mikaela Kuckhahn three, and Samantha Aofia and Vanessa Colunga with two each.

The B-Team also played the Tornados Wednesday, and fared better than the A-team. They were able to come out on top

with the score of 36-27.

"We started off really well," said B-Team Head Coach Jennifer Lexow. "Allie Keys hit three shots in a row and really set the tempo for the game. It really gave us a boost of confidence."

The Lady Troopers never looked back after gaining the lead early on in the game. They had the lead after every quarter.

"Our team came out well in the start of both halves," said Lexow. "We always play really hard."

Lexow believes the key to her team's success was they came out strong in both the halves.

"If they get down early, they seem to get frustrated," she said. "If we have the lead we know how to keep it."

Some of the key players for the B-Team game were: Keys with nine points, and Shannon Wadsworth with six.



Post/Doheny

Mikaela Kuckhahn and Charmaian Locklin put the tough defense on Hughey in the second half of the Troopers eight-point loss to the Tornados.

MIZZOU, cold can't stop Wildcats from bowl eligibility



Post/Skidmore

KSU fullback Rock Cartright takes the ball downfield during the Wildcats 24-3 win over the Missouri Tigers Saturday at Wagner Field. Cartright and the rest of the Wildcats celebrated after the game knowing they are now bowl eligible and expected to receive an invitation to the Independence Bowl in New Orleans, La. on Dec. 27.

*By Deb Skidmore
Media Relations Officer*

Take a scoop of brisk November weather. Add a pinch of rain. Stir in 20 to 35 mph north winds and you have the recipe for the K-State/Missouri football game Saturday.

Brightly colored rain wear highlighted KSU Stadium as 43,810 fans huddled under ponchos against the biting weather watching the Wildcats play their final season game.

As rain pelted down, the enthusiasm of the crowd kept the gloom of the day at bay.

K-State needed this game in order to gain bowl eligibility. With a bowl invitation on the line, the Wildcats whipped the Missouri Tigers 24-3. All they need now is an invitation to play at a holiday season bowl.

KSU officials said they expect to be invited to either the Insight.com Bowl in Phoenix, Ariz., on Dec. 29 or the MainStay Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., on Dec. 27. To date, no invitation has been extended.

The Wildcats are one of only seven other schools to appear in a bowl game the last eight years

straight. Other schools holding this honor are Nebraska with 32 straight bowl appearances, Michigan with 26, Florida State with 19, Tennessee with 12, Florida with 10 and Virginia Tech with 8.

According to Senior Linebacker Ben Leber, "There was a lot riding at stake for this game."

Head Coach Bill Snyder echoed Leber saying, "After the turmoil of the early stages of the season, I'm proud of the fact that they fought back."

However, turmoil continued as both teams were sluggish in the first quarter exchanging possession of the ball several times with no score at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter sparked more action as both teams got used to the inclement weather. Missouri drove the ball within field goal range knocking on the Cats' door.

A running play on a field goal line up lost the ball to K-State on the 9 yard line.

K-State took advantage of this Missouri snafu. Senior Running Back Josh Scobey ignited picking up 21, 11 and 10 yards consecutively. A final 14-yard run across the goal line put the first points on the board for KSU. Freshman

Kicker Joe Rheem added the extra point.

Scobey rushed for 198 yards in the game. His season total is 1,263 which is an all-time K-State single season high.

Missouri came back and knocked at K-State's door again. The best they could do was another field goal attempt. This one was blocked.

K-State fought the clock as half-time neared. They were only able to kick a field goal before time ran out.

Missouri came out of the locker room after halftime to face more problems. K-State downed the ball on the Missouri 3 yard line. Interference and holding penalties on the Tigers gave K-

State a safety making the score 12-0.

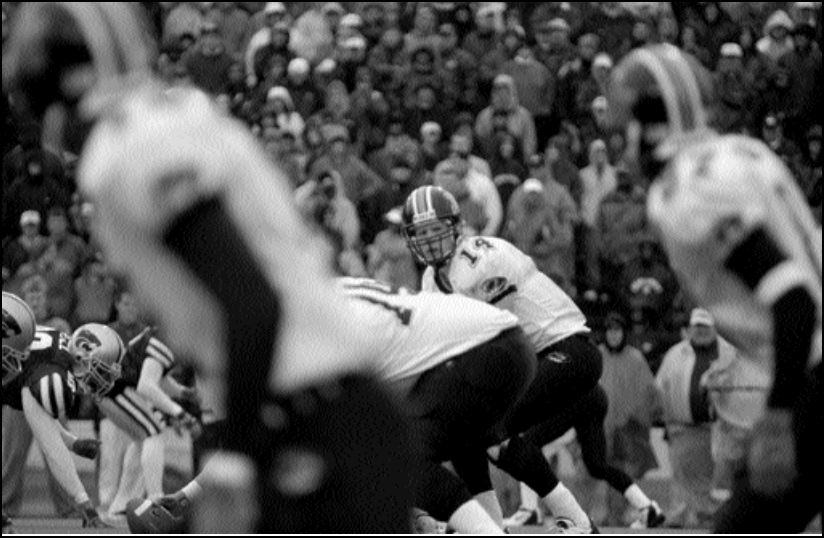
Right on the heels of the safety, Scobey danced his way through the pack for a 37-yard TD run to make the score 18-0.

The kick after was bobbled on the snap for no score.

On the next Missouri drive, the Tigers were on the 25 yard line when they threw the ball away. Junior Receiver Terence Newman picked off a pass in the end zone.

The fourth quarter was full of field goals as Rheem kicked two more for the Cats and the Tigers finally got on the board. The final was 24-3.

The Tigers have dropped 10 or the last 11 games against the Wildcats.



Post/Skidmore

Missouri quarterback Kirk Farmer looks at his wide receivers before the snap of the ball. The Tiger offense was only able to produce a single field Saturday.

HOUSE ADS
6 x 13.5"
Black Only
AUSA—if possible

Fort Riley Community

November 30, 2001

Proudly serving the Home of America's Army

Page 9

Santa to appear at tree lighting

By Jeremy Heckler

19th Public Affairs Det.

Fort Riley kicks off the Christmas holidays today at the post tree lighting ceremony at Ware Parade Field at 4:45 p.m.

"This is a festive event to usher in the New Year," said Chap. (Maj.) Karl Kuckhahn, Jr.

The event is scheduled to include carols sung by the Main Post Chapel Adult Choir as well as their Bell Choir and an appearance by Santa Claus.

"The choir will stroll through in Charles Dickens attire and sing Christmas Carols," said Sandra Norris, Main Post Chapel Music Director.

"This is the time of year when people are thinking of family and many soldiers and civilians have their families at a distance," said Kuckhahn. "The holiday season instills a giving kind of environment when we join together in special ways."

The lighting of the Christmas tree goes back several centuries when candles were placed on trees.

Most Christmas trees in America appeared in the mid 1800's, cut from nearby areas and the decoration of trees evolved to what people see today.

As is tradition, a child will turn on the Christmas tree, signifying the beginning of the holiday season on post.

"The holiday is made more special by children," said Kuckhahn. "When a child lights the tree it is a treat as family and friends gather together."

"Last year I was at Camp Humphreys, Korea and we had 200 orphans join us and that was special for me," said Kuckhahn. "With my family gone it made the ceremony special."

For many the holidays are times not only to celebrate the giving and receiving of gifts, but to also celebrate more personal things.

"As a Christian, Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ," said Norris. "We also want to recognize that we are a community and we can all be a family."

Soldier wins big with Regis on TV's Millionaire show

By Kenneth Rockett

Army News Service

FORT EUSTIS, Va.—Several service-members competed Nov. 11-12 in a two-part special edition of the national television show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," but it was a Fort Eustis Army captain that took home top earnings with winnings totaling \$125,000.

Capt. Travis Sumner, movements officer for the 7th Transportation Group, won the most money for the two-part program, which honored members of the Armed Forces in recognition of Veterans Day.

"I'm pretty excited and happy about it," Sumner said of his experience at the New York studio.

Other notable winners included Army Sgt. Maj. Steven D. Malnar of Fort Monroe, Va., and Air Force Staff Sgt. Jim Laverty, who each won \$64,000. Navy Lt. j.g. Shannon Martin and Coast Guard Chief Scott

Hastings pocketed \$32,000 and Marine Capt. William Hennessy walked away with \$16,000.

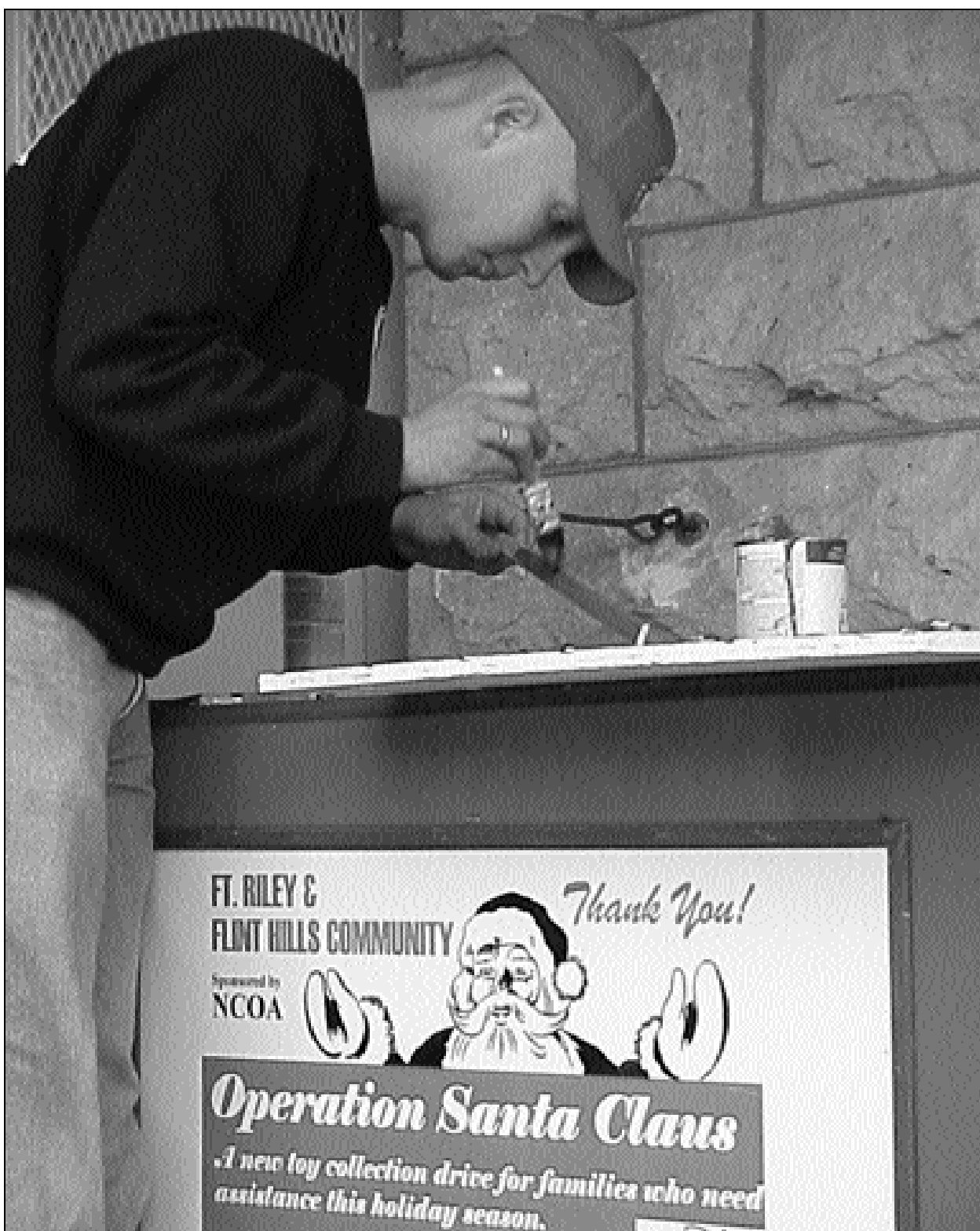
Sumner said just being on the show was a great experience and that's what he focused on more than the money. "I always said to myself when I went into this that I was just going to try to enjoy everything regardless of what else happened. Winning the money is just a bonus."

Sumner said that at first he was a little nervous, but as the game progressed and he kept answering more and more questions, he became more relaxed and focused. He said the show's host Regis Philbin does a good job of keeping contestants calm during the show.

"Regis really wants people to win," Sumner said. "He's a genuinely nice person."

Sumner said another thing that helped was the show's lighting. He said that when a contestant is

See *Millionaire* Page 12



Post/Flegle

Spec. Jerome Eckelburger, HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, volunteer elf for Operation Santa Claus, paints the trim on Santa's signs displayed on the front of the toy donation boxes.

Op Santa collects toys

By Lillian Flegle

Contributing Writer

Santa's workshop, Bldg. 222, is bustling with activity as his elves paint signs, repair donation boxes, and check their toy lists.

Santa's elves are soldiers who

volunteered to help make Operation Santa Claus a success. This is also their first year of 'elfship.'

Pvt. 2 Craig McGee, Company C, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, said he comes to Santa's workshop every day.

They assemble and paint signs

as well as inventory toys and group them by age and note whether they're for boys and girls.

McGee said, "when I think about my three-year-old niece, I think about kids and expect to help them get toys for Christmas when their parents are having a hard time."

"I enjoy working with wood and carpentry stuff and fell right into what needed to be done here," said PFC Russell Pulcinella of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor.

According to MSgt. Mario Rios, HHC, 70th Engineer Battalion, and assistant to the Senior Elf, there's a lot of work to be done.

"I'm making contact with local store managers where we set up our toy collection boxes. We're also painting and repairing signs and boxes. Then we have to set these up in their different locations, wrap gifts and label them," Rios explained, "It's a good day's

See *Op Santa* Page 10



Post/Flegle

Pvt. 2 Molly Ellington, Pvt. 2 Christy Vargas and Pvt. 2 Lakesha Lee, volunteer elves for Operation Santa Claus, begin sorting an already mounting pile of toys.

Holiday contest announced

From DCA

The Directorate of Community Activities, Recreation Adventures for Tomorrow Team is sponsoring Holiday Decoration Contests in the Fort Riley community.

Military units, directorates, and activities within directorates are invited to participate in the Holiday Card Contest. Cards will be large, handmade displays placed in prominent areas outside facilities, headquarters and main offices. The theme of the card must be in good taste and should express fun, excitement, holiday cheer and joy.

Proper size dimensions, entry rules and entry deadlines are available at the Arts and Crafts Center, Bldg. 6918, across from the Post Exchange.

Arts and Crafts Center personnel can assist with holiday card construction guidelines and provide wood kits appropriate for the project.

In addition to the outside holiday card displays, Fort Riley Housing Area residents are invited to decorate individual homes. Judging and awards for each of the housing area communities is planned. Those who wish to participate in the Holiday Home decoration contest can pick up entry forms at the Arts and Crafts Center.

Judging is scheduled for Dec. 17-18. Winners will be announced Dec. 19. The Holiday Card contest winner will receive a traveling trophy for display. The home decoration winner will receive a holiday basket including gift certificates.

Savings plan open season kicks off

From 1st Finance Battalion

Soldiers who are thinking about ways to invest their money for retirement should look into what the Thrift Savings Plan has to offer.

Active duty members and Reservists in any pay status can start signing up to make TSP contributions, which offer significant tax incentives. The enrollment period began Oct. 9, and runs through Jan. 31.

Much like a 401(K) — a civilian savings plan that invests pre-tax dollars — the TSP is designed to provide retirement monies for military members. It is transferable to other retirement accounts and not tied to the military retirement system.

A two-page enrollment form

is available at www.tsp.gov by selecting the "Uniformed Services" option.

Soldiers can also enroll on the Internet at the Employee/Member Self Service website at <https://emss.dfas.mil/emss.htm>

Once the form is completed, it should be turned in to the soldier's PAC. "The hardest decision is selecting the investment choice and the amount to contribute," said Lt. Col. Bruce Gubser, commander of the 1st Finance Battalion.

All investment funds are fully

explained on the TSP web site: <http://www.tsp.gov>.

Soldiers will see contributions deducted from their pay beginning on the Jan. 15, 2002, payday if the enrollment paperwork is processed by the 1st Finance Battalion before Dec. 8, 2001, Gubser said. For enrollment

list after a break in service, or processed between Dec. 8, 2001, and Jan. 31, 2002, contributions will begin on the Feb. 1, 2002, payday or later.

For soldiers who miss the special enrollment period, several other enrollment periods (called Open

Season) are available: May 15 through July 31, and Nov. 15 through Jan. 31 each year.

Reserve personnel who are ordered to active duty for more than 30 days can make TSP elections outside an open season.

Individuals who enlist, reenlist after a break in service, or accept a commission, will be able to elect to participate in TSP outside of regular open seasons.

Their enrollment must be within 60 days of being sworn in to active duty.

Soldiers who want to learn more about TSP, can go to www.tsp.gov and select "Questions and Answers" under the "Uniformed Services" option, said Gubser.

**Thrift Savings Plan
Information
on the Web**

www.tsp.gov



Photo by Vicki Ohmacht

Holiday Fun

Rashidah Bethel, 5, helps her father, PFC Tavares Bethel, of Company C, 70th Engineer Battalion, make a “pumpkin cooler” as part of a holiday food experience in Module Five at the Child Development Center. The CDC has child care openings for full-day toddler and pre-school ages as well as part-day pre-school. For information, call the Central Registration Office at 239-4847.

Op Santa continued from page 9

work to say the least.”

MSgt. Mike Hitzges, 937th Engineer Group and senior elf said OSC requires a lot of coordination—setting daily priorities, supervising elves, coordinating donations, and keeping records.

“As short handed as we are right now, I’m just as much a part of the labor force as everyone else,” said Hitzges. “We’re supposed to have 20 elves and only have 10.”

Pvt. 2 Molly Ellington, HHC, 70th Eng. Bn., is the elf who keeps track of donations, “I’m in charge of checks and balances,” she said, “I do inventory, count how much is donated, what’s donated, and have to keep track of all of it on computer.”

Hitzges said moving Santa’s workshop from Marshall Army Air Field to its new location and the effects of Sept. 11, set their schedule back.

He optimistically believes that with additional volunteers they can get back on track.

“I’m concerned with how the Sept. 11 tragedy will affect Operation Santa Claus,” stated Hitzges, “I know it’s the Christmas season and people typically are generous around this time of year. I hope to see that we’re able to provide what we’ve provided in the past.”

Hitzges said that based on the number of people in a volunteer group and how long they plan to work, he needs to make sure there’s enough elves to help and gifts to wrap.

“My elves are volunteer soldiers who are on call 24/7 until after Christmas. If there’s a group who can’t help during the week or during work hours, but want to help after hours or on weekends, we’ll bring our elves in,” he explained, “We do ask that clubs and organizations call and schedule their time so we can be sure to have enough elves to help do the leg

work.”

“We appreciate people working with us, especially since we’re behind schedule,” Hitzges added, “We especially need volunteers this week and next because we have two shipments needing delivered.”

“Sometimes the group that volunteered a few days before wraps all the presents, which means we have to go on a shopping trip for more toys,” stated Hitzges, “What we need most are donations, whether it be gifts or monetary donations. Running a strong second is volunteer help, during duty hours and after.”

Volunteers may easily find their way to Santa’s workshop by following the Snowmen signs pointing the route to the North Pole where a very jovial, rosy-cheeked, life-size Santa sign stands just outside his workshop.

Rios feels that Operation Santa Claus is a good program, “It’s a good cause and a way to give back to the community. I have a very good feeling about what we’re doing,” he said.

Spec. Jerome Eckelberger, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, is a single parent volunteering for Operation Santa Claus.

“I heard people in my unit talking about it. They said they wrap presents and send them out. I’m a single parent and think it’s cool to help kids. That’s what it’s all about. I love kids and love to see them happy,” he said.

Pvt. 2 Lekesha Lee of the Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion and junior elf, said, “I know personally that if I couldn’t do it for my kids, and I had somebody else helping me, I’d appreciate that a whole lot—to know that somebody else cares enough to help me help my kids because I couldn’t do it by myself.”

Space Center offers free tickets to troops

From ITR

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla.—Delaware North Parks Services of Spaceport, Inc., operator of Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, is hoping to make the holidays a little brighter for active duty and retired military personnel and their families by offering free admission through Dec. 31.

Through the end of the year, all active duty and retired United States military personnel, as well as their spouses and dependents, will receive free admission to KSC Visitor Complex by showing proper military identification. In addition, up to two children ages 12 and under will receive complimentary admission when accompanied by an adult with qualifying military ID.

This offer is not be valid for military contractors or civilian personnel.

“The Visitor Complex is offering the free admission program to show its support not only of military personnel, but also for their

families. This is particularly important in light of recent events,” said Rick Abramson, president and COO of Delaware North Parks Services of Spaceport, Inc., operator of KSC Visitor Complex.

“The program was specifically created for our military friends and neighbors here on the Space Coast, but we wholeheartedly extend this invitation to all active duty and retired U.S. military and their families,” he said.

Guests taking advantage of this special offer will be able to experience Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex’s newest show, Mad Mission to Mars 2025—a wacky, live action stage show at which guests are magically transformed to “astronaut trainees” and guided on an interactive journey to the Red Planet.

Complimentary admission also includes the KSC Tour, which runs from the Visitor Complex, past the Vehicle Assembly Building, and to the critically acclaimed Apollo/Saturn V Center. At the Apollo/Saturn V Center, located

approximately three miles from the Space Shuttle launch pads, guests can relive the launch of Apollo 8 from the “firing room” or mission control, walk beneath a real, 363-foot Saturn V moon rocket, and enjoy a front row seat as man first sets foot on the moon.

Guests may also come face-to-face with an experienced Astronaut during the Astronaut Encounter program, view IMAX space films and tour exhibits such as Early Space Exploration, Exploration in the New Millennium, Robot Scouts and Shuttle Plaza.

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is open from 9 a.m. to approximately dusk every day except Dec. 25 and certain launch days. Admission is normally \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3-11.

For more information, call 321/449-4444 or visit www.KennedySpaceCenter.com.

Other military discount attraction tickets and packaging are available through ITR. Please call 239-5614/4415 for further assistance.

Commissary scholarships open to military children

Don't be like those holiday shoppers who wait until the last minute. Applications and fact sheets for the 2002 Scholarships for Military Children program are available at your local commissary and at www.commissaries.com.

The deadline for filing completed applications for the \$1,500 scholarships is Feb. 5.

More than 5,000 students applied for the scholarships last year. Nearly 400 scholarships were awarded. DeCa anticipates receiving double the applications and even more scholarship awards in 2002.

The \$1,500 scholarships are funded through industry donations and the program is administered by the Fisher House Foundation through a professional scholarship evaluation company.

Fisher House is known for building and donating fully furnished comfort homes near military medical facilities where families of patients receiving medical care can stay at a reasonable cost.

HOUSE ADS
6 x 10.5"
Black Only
Service Directory





Information, Ticketing and Registration

Information, Ticketing & Registration is located in the Leisure Travel Center, Bldg. 6918 (across from the PX) and has current information and tickets to surrounding area attractions, dinner theater, concerts, stage productions and movie theatres. Before making vacation plans, check out the maps and travel brochures from across the U.S. ITR also assists in group travel plans.

Active/retired military, Department of Army Civilians and family members are authorized to use the ITR Office for leisure travel services, Call 239-5614/4415 for further information.

Tickets are available for purchase with cash, check, MC, VISA and AE. Prices are subject to change.

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. closed on Sundays and holidays.

Six Flags Over Texas—Don't miss the biggest celebration in the state, as Six Flags Over Texas cel-

ebrates 40 years of Fun, 40 years of family tradition.

We're still the Entertainment Capital of Texas, with the biggest line-up of fun ever assembled. Experience the magic that is Six Flags Over Texas.

Bicentennial Center—"Collin Raye" Christmas in the Heartland is coming to the Salina Bi-Centennial Center on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. Reserve tickets are now available through ITR.

Discount Movie Tickets—are available for Carmike Theater in Manhattan and Westside Twin in Junction City at discounts. Buy several as they can be used within a year of purchase.

Silver Dollar City—An Old Time Christmas Nov. 3-Dec. 3. From the sparkling of over 4 million twinkling lights and our signature 5-story special effects Christmas Tree, to carols in the Wilderness Church and the aroma of Christmas dinner in the air, you'll be wrapped up in the spirit of

Christmas!

The sounds of the season ring with excitement as Christmas in the Ozarks returns. Don't miss the all-new Holiday Light Parade! Discount tickets for Silver Dollar City and numerous other shows in Branson available through ITR. Let ITR put together a weekend get-a-way or give a Branson weekend package to some lucky person for a holiday gift.

Kansas City Chiefs—Tickets are still avaialble for the following games. Cost is \$55 without transportation and \$65 with transportation.

Nov. 25 vs. Seattle Seahawks
Nov. 29 vs. Philadelphia Eagles
Dec. 23 vs. San Diego Chargers

KCI Roadrunner—Kansas City's International Airport Service provides door to door service. Make your reservations at ITR and commission will be paid back to your Morale and Welfare Recreation Fund.

Vacation Planning—More

choices and greater discounts for a variety of attractions/shows for Central Florida, Tenn., N. C., Branson, Mo., Las Vegas, California, Illinois, Georgia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Carolinas, and Virginia areas.

Radio City Spectacular—featuring "The Rockettes" through Dec. 9. Direct from New York, the Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the world-famous Rockettes, return's to Branson's Grand Palace for another magical season! Saint Nicolas, in his usual jolly manner, leads the audience through eight individually enchanted scenes.

This holiday extravaganza boasts a full cast of 53 singers and dancers, over 400 colorful costumes, a "zoo" of live animals, and eight elaborate sets!

Don't miss you opportunity to see the show the New York Times calls "A Truly Awesome Spectacle!" Discount reservations available through ITR.

Millionaire

continued from page 9

seated across from Philbin they can't really see the audience and therefore are able to focus just on the questions.

Sumner said he plans on using the money to pay off his car and then put the rest in the bank.

Fellow soldier and money-winner Sgt. Maj. Steven D. Malnar, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command public affairs sergeant major at Fort Monroe, Va., talked to Sumner after the show and gave him some advice.

"Capt. Sumner is a really great guy," Malnar said. "I told him that after winning \$125,000, he'd better start wearing those glasses with the big fake nose and funny

mustache. He's a single guy, but not for long."

Malnar said his winning \$64,000 isn't cause for big changes in his life.

"It was great to have had this experience, but it hasn't changed much," Malnar said. "I'm not going on any lavish spending sprees or exotic trips. This [win] just means we are going to be debt free. I'm going to pay some bills, not that we have a lot. For the most part we'll apply this money to doing things for my kids."

"My only real purchase," Malnar added, "will be a riding mower; I've got an acre of land and I'm tired of pushing a mower."

“My only real purchase will be a riding mower; I've got an acre of land and I'm tired of pushing a mower.”

—Sgt. Maj. Steven Malnar
Millionaire Contestant

Normandy Theater

Today:
7:30 p.m.
Bandits
(PG-13)
118 Minutes

Saturday:
7:30 p.m.
The Others
(PG-13)
104 Minutes

Sunday:
7:30 p.m.
Corky Romano
(PG-13)
86 Minutes

Dec. 7:
7:30 p.m.
From Hell
(R)

FIRST INTERNATIONAL THEATERS
2 x 5.5"
Black Only
New Movie Times

<p>House Ad Please Fill</p>	<p>HORTICULTURAL SERVICES 2 x 4" Black Only Poinsettias</p>
<p>MARIES COSTUMES 1 x 2" Black Only Maries Costume</p>	
<p>RODS HALLMARK- JC 1 x 3" Black Only Home for the holidays-Same ad</p>	<p>THE EYE DOCTORS 2 x 6" Black Only Mag 1 Combat eyewear</p>
<p>WALLACE THEATER CORP. 1 x 3" Black Only New Movie Times</p>	

CASS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
3 x 10.5"
Black Only
20th Century Fox #076191